

Managing Flood Risk In Padiham

November 2018

An update from the Environment Agency



River Calder at Padiham

What is happening?

The Environment Agency is currently developing and designing a scheme to reduce flood risk to the town of Padiham from the River Calder and Green Brook.

During the project we will be using this newsletter to keep people up to date with what is happening.

The project is part of our work to better protect Padiham, following the flooding which took place on Boxing Day 2015.

What have we done so far?

We have updated our river models using evidence from the Boxing Day 2015 flood to better understand flood risk in the town. We then identified options which could be put in place to better manage flood risk, along with their outline costs.

We have gained approval for the first stage so we are now developing our proposals for a flood scheme in much more detail.

We have been working closely with Burnley Borough Council, who have secured approval for £2.8 million of Local Growth funding through the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership to put towards the project.

Community Drop-In Event

Date Tuesday 27th November 2018
Time 3.00 pm to 7.30 pm
Venue Padiham Town Hall, BB12 8BL

Everyone is welcome, at this event you will be able to:

- See “initial ideas” of what the scheme may look like
- Find out how the scheme may affect you
- Give us your feedback
- Find out what you can do to reduce the effects of flooding
- Sign up to the Environment Agency Flood Warning Service

The event forms an important part of the project to get feedback from the community, and we would encourage all those with an interest to call in and speak with us.

Ground Investigations

Ground Investigations will be starting in Padiham on 21st November and will take about 6 weeks to complete.

The ground investigations are required to determine the properties of the soil and rock in the ground near to the proposed defences. This information is required to help us design the flood defences.

Landowners impacted by the ground investigations will be notified before any work begins.



Padiham Bridge Gravel Removal - September 2018

Silt / Gravel Removal - Padiham Bridge

In September we removed silt and gravel from under the dry arch on Padiham Bridge (the upstream of the two road bridges in Padiham).

We will continue to monitor the gravel levels on the River Calder in Padiham to ensure that they do not increase flood risk.

With new flood data from recent events, we are undertaking further gravel modelling of the River Calder as part of the proposed Padiham Flood Defence Scheme to ensure that the trigger levels are correct.

Looking ahead

During the remainder of 2018 we will continue to develop our proposals to better protect Padiham from flooding.

In 2019 we will apply for planning permission, and look to secure all legal and financial agreements needed to complete the scheme. Once these are in place, we aim to carry out construction during late-2019 and 2020.



Burnley Road, Padiham - Boxing Day 2015

Community Resilience Group

The Environment Agency, Burnley Borough Council, and Newground - a not-for-profit social enterprise organisation have set up a group to help local residents and businesses become more resilient to flooding and other emergencies.

This group will develop community emergency plans, clarify roles and responsibilities, and identify grants and other funding which may be available.

If you are interested in being part of the group, please contact Christina Worsley at Newground christina.worsley@newground.co.uk.

Where can I sign up for Flood Warnings to my phone/email?

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

If you live adjacent to the Flood Warning Area, or have an interest in the area, you can register by searching by town.

Alternatively, telephone Floodline: 0345 988 1188 (24-hour service)

National Incident Hotline

To report a blockage, for example a fallen tree collapsed or badly damaged river or canal banks, unusual changes in river flow, flooding from the sea or a main river call:

0800 80 70 60 (24 Hour Service)

Staying in touch

In the coming months we will be working hard to develop a flood scheme for Padiham. We will keep you updated on progress and any further events through our newsletters.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list or for any further information please contact us at CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk.